

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Endowments Department – Rates of annual contribution payable by various temples and institutions whose annual income is more than Rs.50,000/- towards C.G.F. and E.A.F. – Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.921

Dated 29-7-2008.

Read :-

From the Commissioner, Endowments Department Lr.in  
Rc.No.E2/38198/2007, Dt. 12-5-2008.

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ORDER:-

The Commissioner, Endowments Department in his letter cited has stated that, at present 3% of annual income of the Institutions is being collected towards the Contribution to C.G.F. The renovation and reconstruction of temples is one of the major schemes of the Department and the applications seeking financial aid from C.G.F. are increasing year by year. As it is a massive programme of renovating the temples and preserving the structures for the future generations, there is every need to maintain sufficient fund to meet the growing demand. Further, 25% of the receipts to the C.G.F. shall be utilized for “Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam” Scheme as per the proviso u/s 70 of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987. “Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam” is one of the important schemes introduced in the Endowments Department which enables the Archakas of poor temples to get money for Nitya Naivedyam and their salaries. In addition, a portion of the fund shall also be utilized for the purpose of establishment and maintenance of Veda Patasalas and schools for the training of Archakas etc. The Commissioner, Endowments has therefore requested the Government to fix the contribution @ 5% from the temples whose annual income is more than Rs.50,000/-

2. The Commissioner, Endowments Department has further stated that at present the contribution is being collected towards the E.A.F. from the institutions getting annual income of Rs.5,000/- and above at the following rates:

1. Institutions getting income  
of Rs.5,000/- to 50,000/- P.A. = 12%
2. Exceeding Rs.50,000/- = 15%

3. The Commissioner has further stated that, the receipts of the Endowments Department by way of contribution and the expenditure of the Department towards E.A.F. for the financial year 2006-2007 were Rs.32.41 crores and Rs.17.78 crores respectively in which there is a surplus of Rs.14.00 crores. The Commissioner, Endowments Department has further stated that, as the income of the temples is growing year by year, there will be no difficulty to meet the expenditure if the percentage of contribution is slightly reduced and requested the Government to consider to fix the contribution to E.A.F. at a common rate of 12% of annual income as calculated u/s.65 of the Act 30/87 from the Temples and Institutions whose annual income is exceeding Rs.50,000/- per year.

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4. The Commissioner, Endowments Department has stated that consequent to the amendment made to Section 57(2) and Section 65(A) of the Act 30/87 by the Amendment Act 33/2007, the rate of contribution payable by the institutions getting income of above Rs.50,000/- per annum towards C.G.F. and E.A.F. have to be prescribed.

5. Government have examined the above two proposals of the Commissioner, Endowments Department and observed that as there is an additional expenditure of Rs.4.00 crores under C.G.F. every year due to newly introduced scheme of "Dhoop Deepa Naivedyam," it is necessitated to raise the contribution for C.G.F. from the present 3% to 5%. In respect of E.A.F. Government felt that, the proposal of the Commissioner, Endowments Department for reduction of 3% of contribution from the temples exceeding the income of Rs.50,000/- is reasonable in view of the rise in the income of temples year by year.

6. Government after careful consideration of the two proposals of the Commissioner, Endowments, hereby order to fix the rates of contribution payable by various temples and institutions whose annual income is more than Rs.50,000/- towards C.G.F. at 5% and E.A.F. at 12% of annual income as calculated u/s 65 of the Act 30/87.

7. The Commissioner, Endowments Department shall take further action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. SUDHIR,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To  
The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Hyderabad.  
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER